

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)
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Plaintiff,)
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v.)
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CHIEM VAN TONG,)
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Defendant.)

CASE NO. 07-35M

DETENTION ORDER

Offense charged:

Count I: Conspiracy to Manufacture Marijuana, in violation of Title 21,
U.S.C., Sections 841(a)(1), 841(b)(1)(A), and 846.

Date of Detention Hearing: January 29, 2007

The Court, having conducted a contested detention hearing pursuant to Title 18
U.S.C. § 3142(f), and based upon the factual findings and statement of reasons for detention
hereafter set forth, finds that no condition or combination of conditions which the defendant
can meet will reasonably assure the appearance of the defendant as required and the safety
of any other person and the community. The Government was represented by Douglas
Whalley. The defendant was represented by Peter Camiel.

FINDINGS OF FACT AND STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR DETENTION

- (1) There is probable cause to believe the defendant committed the crime of conspiracy to manufacture marijuana, a drug offense. The maximum penalty is in excess of ten years. There is therefore a rebuttable presumption against the defendant's release based upon both dangerousness and flight risk, under Title 18 U.S.C. § 3142(e).
- (2) Nothing in this record satisfactorily rebuts the presumption against release for several reasons. Under Title 18 § 3142 (g), the Court considered the following:
 - (a) The nature and circumstances of the offense charged includes a scheme of marijuana grow operations at ten locations, and thus, involves a drug offense applicable to the presumption.
 - (b) The weight of the evidence is strong. This defendant owns one of the ten locations. 462 marijuana plants were found inside the home he owns.
 - (c) The history and characteristics of the person show that his ties to this state are only through this alleged criminal activity. He did not provide an interview to Pre-trial services.
 - (d) Risk of danger to the community is inherent in these facts and the lack of information provided by the defense.

Based upon the foregoing information, there is no condition or combination of conditions that would reasonably assure future Court appearances and/or the safety of other persons or the community.

It is therefore ORDERED:

- (1) The defendant shall be detained pending trial and committed to the custody of the Attorney General for confinement in a correction facility


1 separate, to the extent practicable, from persons awaiting or serving
2 sentences or being held in custody pending appeal;

3 (2) The defendant shall be afforded reasonable opportunity for private
4 consultation with counsel;

5 (3) On order of a court of the United States or on request of an attorney for
6 the Government, the person in charge of the corrections facility in which
7 the defendant is confined shall deliver the defendant to a United States
8 Marshal for the purpose of an appearance in connection with a court
9 proceeding; and

10 (4) The clerk shall direct copies of this order to counsel for the United
11 States, to counsel for the defendant, to the United States Marshal, and to
12 the United States Pretrial Services Officer.

13 DATED this 30th day of January, 2007.

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16 United States Magistrate Judge
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